IDAHO VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS



What are Veterans Treatment Courts?

Veteran Treatment Courts (VTC) use the successful framework of problem-solving courts where local teams hold regular meetings and hearings to ensure offenders in the community are held accountable. These courts match judicial oversight, intensive treatment, and probation supervision; however, the focus for VTC is on ensuring that offenders that have served their country and have substance abuse and/or mental health problems receive treatment and support in the community rather than in a correctional facility.

Challenges and Opportunities

These courts face the challenge of engaging offenders with trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), as well as the military culture that until recently, had not typically addressed mental health needs. In Idaho, local court teams work with the Veterans Administration and community providers to coordinate resources, services, and to take advantage of the supportive camaraderie of military experience.

FY 2012 Idaho Veterans Treatment Courts Status

County	Start Date (Projected)	Current Court Capacity
Ada	March 2011	20
Canyon	(February 2012)	12
Bannock	(March 2012)	6

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